

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
November 19–November 25, 2017

Thanksgiving Proclamation

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. The following Thanksgiving Proclamation was declared by President George Washington on October 3, 1789 in New York City. God is using these words to speak to me. May they speak to you and others, as well.

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to “recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our national government a blessing to all people by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and increase the science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the City of New York, the 3rd day of October, A.D. 1789.

As children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, we have so much for which to be thankful! On Thanksgiving Day and every day, may we take the time and make the effort to express heartfelt gratitude to God and others. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones! God bless you!

Thankful,

Carolyn

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.” Psalm 100:4-5

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for the families who recently attended our Trunks of Treats event and for them to return to Whitfield during the upcoming Advent season and New Year.

POINSETTIAS!

It is time to order your Poinsettias! Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins and in the church office or feel free to call Jennifer (281-2467) with your order. The cost of the plants is still \$10.00.



Save the Dates

November 29-December 3

12th Annual Interfaith Christmas Nativity Exhibit

Hosted by:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the food, love, and concern from this loving church. Very appreciated at a sad time for our family.

Johnnie Lynn Norsworthy Family

The Holiday Season will soon be upon us. Please mark your calendars for these special services and events:

November 19 - Thanksgiving Service & Shoebox Dedication, 8:15 & 10:30 am

November 26 - Hanging of the Greens, 10:00 am

December 3 - Holy Communion, 10:00 am

December 3 - Interfaith Nativity Exhibit, LDS (WUMC performs 5:00 pm)

December 5 - An Eclectic Christmas, 6:45 p.m.

December 10 - Children's Christmas Pageant, 10:00 am

December 14 - A Kempter Christmas at Frazer UMC, 6:00 pm

December 15 - Kindergarten Program, 11:00 a.m.

December 17 - Chancel Choir's Christmas Around the World, 10:00 am

December 24 - Morning Worship, 10:00 am

December 24 - Candlelight Communion Service, 4:00 pm

December 31 - Fifth Sunday Carol Singing Service, 10:00 am

January 7, 2018 - Epiphany Sunday/Covenant Renewal, 8:15 & 10:30 am

Bold Sundays = Advent Schedule:

9:00 am Combined Sunday School in Sheppard Center

10:00 am Worship

Attendance November 12, 2017

Sunday School 49 Worship 76

Wednesday Night Dinner

November 22, 2017

NO SUPPER / PROGRAM THIS WEEK

SUPPERS WILL RESUME IN JANUARY

Combined Sunday School During Advent

ALL Sunday School classes will meet in the Sheppard Center for "A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art". Using the contemporary art of John August Swanson, scholars from Candler School of Theology at Emory University offer their expertise in discussions of how the familiar stories from Luke and Matthew are brought to life through Swanson's work. Join us for study, art, and fellowship.

Holy Communion - Sunday, December 3, 2017

Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, December 3rd to our members who are unable to attend church at this time.

The elements will be consecrated at the worship service and volunteers will take Communion out between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 pm. We plan to take Communion to all who received Communion on Sunday, October 1st. If you did not receive in October, but would like to receive communion on **December 3rd**, please call the church office by Friday, morning, **December 1st**. This ministry is being sponsored by the A+ Council at Whitfield UMC.

Dear Whitfield Family,

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. Your calls, cards, expressions of love and prayers are greatly appreciated.

In Christ, Alane Fournier



Blessing of the Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday will be **November 19**.

Boxes MUST be at the church by 11/19.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The November 19 altar flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband, Pep Cobb by Joyce Cobb.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, November 19

Worship Service	8:15 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Morning Social	10:00 a.m.
Choir practice	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
YAF	11:30 a.m.
Pageant Rehearsal	11:30 a.m.
Handbell Practice	4:00 p.m.
Ukulele Class	5:00 p.m.
UMYF	5:30 p.m.

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK ENDS

Monday, November 20

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, November 21

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, November 22

Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
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Thursday, November 23 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 24 - OFFICE CLOSED

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, November 25

No Events Currently Scheduled

Jeremiah 29:11-13

¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,

**The United Methodist Women's Christmas Luncheon
December 11, 2017**

Arrival Time: eleven"ish"
Time to Eat: Eleven thirty a.m.
Cost: \$12.00 each
We look forward to gathering together for a Merry Christmas & tasty luncheon in the Sheppard Center of Whitfield

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Jane Brantley and family upon the death of her son, Harry Robinson Brantley, on Friday, November 10, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama.



You Are In Our Prayers!!

Whitfield Members

Kirk Wood, Martha Parker, Alma Reynolds, Jo Moody, Peter Brambir, Joan Rodgers, Dottie Suber, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Bill Fischer, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Helon Haack, Telsie Davis, Jay Byrd, Daisy Stelk, Ann Cheney, Caryll Carrick, Alice Henley, Vivian Rogers, Norma Prater, Edna Kohn, Charles Stone, Peggy Byrd

Home Bound Members (in-town)

Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Rubye Solomon, Margaret Deacy, Wayne Read, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren, Libby Richardson, Lois Payne

Home Bound Members (out of town)

Elaine McBride, Martha Payne, Juanita Pritchett, Katie Hopper

Friends of Whitfield

Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Bill Miller, Jeff Varner, Sharon Brugh, Margaret Ann Batley, Emma Hope Shaw, Joy Lushington, Doug Estes, Kate Lindsey, Mona Pirsig, Mary Ellen Millis, Paul Lanier, Myles Wright, Ashley Dunwoody, Jean Cantey, Darlene Fox, JoAnne Westery, Wayne Merritt, Bailey Casteel, Molly Nelson Brantley, Susannah Jones Cleveland, Jack Behm, Philip Landry, Douglas Nelson, Ella Marie Burns, Hunter Howell, Brock Woodham, Beverly Cornwell, Marilyn Spencer, Mac Macready, Jackie Parquette, Charlie Posey, Brad Ruud, Dan Sheppard

Peace for the nations and protection for all those who live and serve in harm's way.

Note: Please submit any names you would like added to the church via telephone (281-2467) or e-mail (whitumc@bellsouth.net) All names submitted are kept on the prayer list for **four weeks** unless otherwise notified. *Those names in Italics are in need of long term prayers.*

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Church Office Hours:

8:15-12:30 and 1:30-4:15, M-Th
8:15-12:30 p.m. Friday

Sunday Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

**Worship Assistants - November 19
(3rd Sunday)**

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free
(10:30) Brownie Brown, Vic Bradsher

Counters: Mary Thomason,
Jeannie Anderson

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Soundboard: (8:15) John Carmichael
(10:30) Jimmy Lee

Readers: (8:15) Bosch Children
(10:30) Barbara Reed

Children's Worship: Patty Macready